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TO: ALL OO/C FIELD OFFICES

FROM: DIRECTOR

Precedence ROUTINE

1. UNCLASSIFIED VERSION CLARK TASK FORCE REPORT SENT BY HOOVER COMMISSION TO CONGRESS. AMONG COMMENTS: NOT ENOUGH INTELLIGENCE ON USSR; SOME INTERNAL CHANGES COULD IMPROVE CIA; NO EVIDENCE OF PENETRATION OF CIA AS ALLEGED BY SENATOR McCARTHY; CIA NEEDS A BUILDING; TIMIDITY IN DIPLOMACY HAS IMPEDED INTEL WORK; THERE SHOULD BE A "WATCH DOG" COMMITTEE REVIEWING INTEL ACTIVITIES.

2. FYI AND GUIDANCE, WE HAVE BEEN STUDYING CLASSIFIED VERSION OF REPORT WHICH COVERS ALL OF ITEMS IN PUBLIC VERSION AND SEVERAL ADDITIONAL. REPORT GENERALLY FAVORABLE BUT POINTS TO KNOWN GAPS IN INTEL AND RECOMMENDS EMPHASIS IN AREAS ALREADY UNDER ACCELERATION. THERE IS NOTHING IN REPORT TO CAUSE CONCERN TO ANY OF OUR PERSONNEL OR TO AFFECT OUR OPS. IF ANYTHING, IT ENCOURAGES US TO DO MORE, PARTICULARLY IN OBTAINING INTEL ON USSR.

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3. PROPOSAL RE "WATCH DOG" COMMITTEE IS THAT PRESIDENT APPOINT COMMITTEE OF EXPERIENCED PRIVATE CITIZENS TO MAKE PERIODIC REVIEW OF AGENCY WORK AND THAT CONGRESS CONSIDER SEPARATE JOINT CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN INTEL SIMILAR TO ATOMIC ENERGY COMMITTEE. THIS LATTER SUGGESTION WILL PROBABLY NOT BE CONSIDERED AT PRESENT SESSION OF CONGRESS AND ITS ADOPTION IS A DISTANT AND SOMEWHAT DOUBTFUL POSSIBILITY IN VIEW OF OPPOSITION FROM INFLUENTIAL MEMBERS OF ARMED SERVICES COMMITTEE.

END OF MESSAGE

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